Drug Related Crimes in Delhi

4020. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item Published in the Hindustan Times dated 24th Februarv, 2000 under the caption Delhi major hub for drug trafficking";

(b) if so, Government's reactions thereto; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to control the alarming rise in drug related crimes in Delhi which has been identified as the major drug trafficking Centre in South Asia ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. India continues to be a transit country for trafficking of drugs. The measures taken by the Central Government to put an effecti\'e check on drug trafficking in Delhi include maintenance of the utmost vigilance by the enforcement agencies; imparting training to enforcement staff to improve their effectiveness; strict watch on the activities of drug smugglers and peddlers as also on criminals released from jail; creation of a special Narcotics Cell by Customs Department at Indira Gandhi International Airport and creation of a Narcotics Cell in Delhi Police.

Defective Wireless Sets

4021. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY : Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item captioned "Defective Wireless sets deal" as appearing in the Hindu dated 10th April, 2000;

(b) if so. Government's reactions thereto; and

(c) what steps are proposed to be taken to tone up the working of the Delhi Police which has got mired into a scandal because of dubious purchases, defective equipment and glaring administrative irregularities as highlighted in the aforesaid news-item ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CH. VIDYASAGAR RAO) : (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Delhi Police have instituted a vigilance inquiry into the purchase of these wireless sets and accessories.